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Excise Officers Arrest 19 at B100 Concert in South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (Sept. 14) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested or cited 19 people on alcohol, tobacco and drug charges at the B100 concert at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds in South Bend today.

That's down from 61 people arrested by excise officers at last year's B100 concert.

Excise officers arrested six minors for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol. Three adults were arrested for furnishing or providing alcohol to a minor.

Six juveniles were cited for underage possession of tobacco.

Excise officers also made four arrests for possession of marijuana.

Today was B100's 20th annual birthday party, when the station hosts country music performers for a free concert.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.